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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Luke V. Schneider

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For: METHODS FOR CONDUCTING  
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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

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**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.**